

Minutes

Public Transportation Committee

3/10/10

Present: Jim Nash, Alex Ghiselin, Elysse Link, Laura Hanson of DPW,
Dana Roscoe of PVPC, Jamin Carroll of VATCO and Leslie Stein

Public Comment: none

Minutes of 2/10/10 were approved, with one typo noted.

Transit Goals from Sustainability Plan: Laura Hanson reported on some changes she made to the draft Process for Obtaining a Bus Stop (or Bus Shelter). The committee asked Jamin Carroll to review it with staff at PVTa and discuss it again next month. The committee hopes that they can take it to Parking and Transportation in April.

Old Business: Jamin Carroll reported that he reviewed the bus schedules and observed the bus arrivals and departures at the Academy of Music and Main/Masonic stops. He said that there was an average of three buses at one time at the Academy at numerous times during the day. The back end of the third bus is often sticking out into the intersection. Bike racks on the buses add to the space need. At Masonic Street one bus at a time without a bike rack fits exactly in the space and with a bike rack it sticks out three feet. There is an average of 1.75 buses at one time, sticking out into the side street blocking traffic. Although a shelter is needed there, the ramp from the bus could not be used if a shelter was placed in the current space. The Committee agreed to invite the Parking Manager, Bill Letendre to the next meeting to discuss these issues. They also want to ask him about cars parked in bus stops and current fine of \$100.

New Business: Dana Roscoe reported on the rider survey completed by PVPC in September/October 2009 in PVTa's northern tier. He explained that they rotate this survey every three years between the northern and southern tiers. There were 1400 respondents with mostly positive ratings. Areas of concern were the need for more shelters and the condition of some shelters, on time performance and frequency of service.

Jim Nash acknowledged Jamin Carroll's assistance with providing a bus and training in public transportation use for children from a project of Whole Children.

Jim Nash reported that he is on the Zoning Revisions Committee and hopes to use this venue to encourage those who work downtown to use the bus.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 14th, 2010.

